

**REQUEST BY EL SALVADOR FOR A WAIVER UNDER ARTICLE IX
OF THE WTO AGREEMENT FOR MINIMUM VALUES UNDER
THE AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VII
OF THE GATT 1994**

The following communication, dated 29 April 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to the Market Access Division and has the honour to provide information concerning its request under Article IX, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Marrakesh Agreement to apply minimum prices to the list of products annexed hereto.

After enormous efforts to reform and modernise its customs procedures, El Salvador began to apply the Agreement on Customs Valuation on 8 March 2002, the date on which the further extension approved by the Council for Trade in Goods, but not yet adopted by the General Council, expired. Although El Salvador is currently applying the Agreement, the responsible authorities face a series of difficulties, including problems of under-invoicing and under-valuation.

Consequently, and taking into account the guiding principles to be followed in considering applications for waivers, adopted on 1 November 1956, and pursuant to Annex III, paragraph 2, of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT, El Salvador wishes to apply minimum prices to the detailed list of products annexed hereto as from the implementation date of the Agreement and for the periods indicated in this annex.

LIST OF PRODUCTS TO WHICH MINIMUM PRICES ARE APPLIED**TEXTILE PRODUCTS**

No.	Product Description	Tariff Heading	Period Requested
1	Worn clothing and other worn articles	6309, ex 6310.10 and ex 6310.90	3 years
2.	Articles of apparel	6101.10.00 to 6117.90.00, 6201.11.00 to 6217.90.00	2 years
3.	Made-up textile articles	6301.10.00 to 6304.99.00	2 years
4.	Woven fabrics of cotton	5208.11 to 5212.25	2 years
5.	Woven fabrics of synthetic filaments	5407.41 to 5408.34	2 years
6.	Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres	5512.11 to 5516.94	2 years

OTHER:

No.	Product Description	Tariff Heading	Period Requested
7.	Used televisions	Ex 8528.12.10, ex 8528.12.90, ex 8528.13.10, ex 8528.13.90	3 years
8.	Footwear	6402.19.00 to 6405.90.00	3 years
9.	Pneumatic tyres, retreaded or used	Ex 4012.10.00, Ex 4012.20.00	4 years
10.	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or other textile bast fibres of heading 53.03	6305.10.00	4 years
11.	Used vehicles and used parts and accessories thereof	Chapter 87, except ex 8703.10, ex 8709 and ex 8710	4 years